

**Senior Advisory Committee
November 19, 2013
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Chair Gail Pierce, Linda Spak, Deborah Martin, Susie Wright and Sandra Kelly. Also present for the recording of minutes, was Millie McGinnes. Betsey DeMaggio, Sandra Hopf, Ann Henault and Dorothy Graham were absent

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gail Pierce at 9:31 a.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, October 15, 2013

Ms. Spak moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wright and carried.

Ayes 5 (Pierce, Spak, Martin, Wright, Kelly) Nays 0
Absent 4 (Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio, Henault)

2. Update on activities and entertain ideas for publicity...

a. BIBB – Calendar <https://sites.google.com/site/bibbulletincalendar/>

Ms. Pierce stated that she will continue working on an activities calendar through googlegroups that may include library activities. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the Block Island Times putting together a community calendar.

Ms. Kelly reported that the Bulletin Board currently has 370 members and have posted 1665 messages to date. She noted that a policy needs to be developed regarding the posting of services or classes that charge a fee. The item will be on next month's agenda.

b. FISH

Ms. Pierce stated that she perceives a possible greater need for FISH in the near future, as the ageing population is staying on Block Island.

c. Soup Group

It was reported that the numbers of attendees of Soup Group range from 8 – 16.

d. Lunch Bunch

It was noted that Lunch Bunch has started up again after the summer hiatus with about 28 participants.

e. Chair Aerobics

It was reported that chair aerobics is going strong.

3. Discuss and act on Town-wide notification systems presentation to the Town Council

Ms. Kelly distributed a draft letter to the Town Council requesting that they consider implementing a town-wide notification system. The letter was read and clarifications were made. The letter will be sent to the Town Council.

4. Review SAC role during interim period and explore need for special committee

a. Wednesday Walkers

Ms. Pierce noted that there have been no participants on the Wednesday walks. The event will be added to the Block Island Times calendar.

b. Trip to Clouds Hill with the BI Gardeners

It was noted that the trip to Clouds Hill was well attended and well received.

c. Sponsors for safety activities

This item was discussed under the next agenda item.

5. Safety Awareness Month

a. Location of defibrillators

Ms. Kelly noted that the AED posters were distributed

b. Refresher demonstration...when is the best time for this

Ms. Kelly reported that a refresher AED demonstration was given and more demonstrations will be scheduled.

c. Set up fire extinguisher demonstration...when is the best time for this

Ms. DeMaggio set the date for the fire extinguisher demonstration for December 3rd after Lunch Bunch.

d. Update on video demonstration CPR

The CPR video will be sent out over the BI Bulletin Board again.

6. Discuss and act on "Time Banking" program

The Time Banking topic was tabled to address at next month's meeting.

7. Review Senior Coordinator interviews

Ms. Pierce noted that the applicant who is to be considered under this agenda item was given the appropriate notice.

Ms. Pierce moved to go into closed session at 10:17 a.m. for discussions relating to job performance, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1). Ms. Spak seconded and the motion carried.

Ayes 5 (Pierce, Spak, Martin, Wright, Kelly) Nays 0

Absent 4 (Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio, Henault)

Discussion ensued regarding the job applicant. No action was taken.

Ms. Wright moved to come out of closed session at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spak and carried.

Ayes 5 (Pierce, Spak, Martin, Wright, Kelly) Nays 0

Absent 4 (Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio, Henault)

8. Report on meeting with Barbara Baldwin

Ms. Spak reported that she and Ms. Pierce met with Barbara Baldwin, Executive Director of the Medical Center to discuss mutual concerns such as potential caregivers and elderly needs. As their questions were not entirely addressed, the committee decided to invite Barbara Baldwin and South County Community Action to a future meeting.

9. Update on possible locations for exercising

This item was not discussed.

10. Discuss and act on members wishing to continue to serve and reviewing the officers

Ms. Pierce explained that Ms. Martin, Ms. DeMaggio and Ms. Grahams' terms expire in December 2013. It was noted that Ms. Martin and Ms. Graham would like to have their terms renewed. Ms. Pierce will check with Ms. DeMaggio.

Ms. Pierce noted that she will be stepping down as Chair when her officer's term expires. She asked members to consider a replacement. Election of Officers will take place in January.

Next meeting – December 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

At 10:58 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Spak to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: December 17, 2013